

You may be at peace, my dear daughter in Jesus Christ, your Superior will be sent back to you accompanied by a good mistress. I can imagine that the departure of Mme. N. made some impression on you; but your submission to what God decides must have made the sacrifice easy.

Do not willingly occupy yourself any more with the matter you have just written to me about, forgetting about it, and then simple common sense, will wipe out those purely physical impressions. Faith and love of Jesus Christ will cause you to triumph over your weaknesses and even if you sometimes feel that you are not dead to the sentiments of an imperfect nature, do not draw from that fact any conclusion capable of weakening your courage. Be constantly cheerful as far as that depends on you. That is a very useful disposition in view of your temperament and inclination towards a sort of unreasonable fear.

I am not forgetting you, be sure of that; I do not have the leisure for writing to you but I have that for commending you to our good Master. Every day I pray our august Patrons to take care of you and during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass you have your share in the prayers I offer for the happiness of the souls whose direction our good God has entrusted to me.

Receive, dear child, the blessing of

Your very devoted Father in Jesus Christ

Ghent, 12th February 1847